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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/628,440	Applicant(s) CARE ET AL	
	Examiner David M. Fenstermacher	Art Unit 3682	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The IDS's, filed 7/29/03 and 9/5/03, have been considered in full.

Drawings

3. The drawings, as originally filed, are acceptable as formal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kumar et al. (5,477,941).

Kumar et al. Shows the claimed invention where a lubrication distribution system (e.g. figure 5) provides computer based control of lubrication application; a microprocessor (40) controls the spray (17, 18) of lubricant; the microprocessor receives and adjusts the amount of lubricant to be applied based on eight inputs (62,

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63, 65, 60, 59, 61, 41, 44, 58); as an example input 61 is ambient temperature; the scoop (16) acting as a scavenge system which will collect unused lubricant from the part to be lubricated; the primary purpose of the microprocessor output is to control the quantity of lubricant applied to the part to be lubricated (9) by fluid injection pulse control (49) connected via circuit (48) to a pulse valve (47); the lubricant(s) are kept in storage tanks (50, 51). The method limitations being met by Kumar et al. since all of the structure is present and functions in the same manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumar et al. (5,477,941) in view of Sievenpiper (5,285,871).

Kumar et al. shows the claimed invention except for the use of an accumulator.

Sievenpiper teaches the use of a manually operable on/off valve (93) which is provided for selectively discharging fluid pressure from an accumulator and from the pressurizing cylinder (41) to allow recharging or reloading of the lubricant container. (see column 5, lines 20-30).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the accumulator of Sievenpiper into the lubrication

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device of Kumar et al. for the purpose of providing a back-up pressurized lubricant supply for failsafe conditions.

8. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumar et al. (5,477,941) in view of Zdvorak, Sr. (5,960,625)

Kumar et al. shows the claimed invention except for use in an air turbine.

Zdvorak, Sr. Teaches that lubrication of gas turbine engines is of concern.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the lubrication system of Kumar et al. into the turbine engine of Zdvorak, Sr. since Zdvorak, Sr. explicitly states in column 14, lines 50-60 "Prior art cooling and lubrication systems can be incorporated into selected components."

Conclusion

9. The following are suggested formats for either a Certificate of Mailing or Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a). The certification may be included with all correspondence concerning this application or proceeding to establish a date of mailing or transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a). Proper use of this procedure will result in such communication being considered as timely if the established date is within the required period for reply. The Certificate should be signed by the individual actually depositing or transmitting the correspondence or by an individual who, upon information and belief, expects the correspondence to be mailed or transmitted in the normal course of business by another no later than the date indicated.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Fenstermacher whose telephone number is 571-272-7102. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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